

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 BRASIL 02768 081156Z

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-02 INR-07
L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-15 DHA-02 IO-13 AID-05 COME-00 EB-08 FRB-01
TRSE-00 XMB-04 OPIC-06 LAB-04 SIL-01 OMB-01 /112 W
-----090332Z 121645 /14

R 071930Z APR 77

FM AMEMBASSY BRASILIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0980

INFO AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO

AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

UNCLAS BRASILIA 2768

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, US, BR

SUBJECT: GEISEL'S POSITIVE REFERENCES TO U.S. DRAW
FAVORABLE PRESS COMMENT

REF: A. BRASILIA 2577 B. BRASILIA 2363 C. BRASILIA A-51

1. SUMMARY. IN EDITORIALS CARRIED APRIL 2-3, O ESTADO AND O GLOBO WELCOMED PRESIDENT GEISEL'S POSITIVE REFERENCES TO U.S. IN HIS MARCH 31 SPEECH COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION. PAPERS VIEWED THESE REMARKS AS PUTTING TIMELY END TO RISING WAVE OF ANTI-AMERICANISM, OFFICIALLY INSPIRED ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, AND TOOK OCCASION TO STRESS FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS. CONTRASTING WITH PRESIDENT'S POSITIVE REFERENCES WAS INDIRECT OFFICIAL CRITICISM LEVELED AT U.S. RACIAL SITUATION AT FONMIN CEREMONY APRIL 5 COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. END SUMMARY.

2. PRESIDENT GEISEL'S UNUSUALLY POSITIVE REFERENCES TO THE U.S. IN HIS MARCH 31 SPEECH COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION, (REFTEL A) DREW FAVORABLE COMMENT FROM TWO UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 BRASIL 02768 081156Z

PAPERS WHICH GENERALLY FIND THEMSELVES ON OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE FENCE THESE DAYS.

3. IN ITS APRIL 3 EDITORIAL, O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO WELCOMED GEISEL'S REMARKS AS RELIEVING CONCERN CREATED BY A RECENT SERIES OF SPEECHES WHICH SUGGESTED THAT AMONG CERTAIN CIRCLES, A MANUEVER WAS IN REHEARSAL TO PIT NATIONAL OPINION AGAINST

THE U.S. AND INSTILL THE IDEA THAT BRAZIL'S EFFORTS TOWARDS GREAT POWER STATUS WERE BEING BLOCKED BY WASHINGTON (REFTELS B AND C). TOUCHSTONE FOR MOBILIZATION OF THE "NATIONAL WILL" AGAINST THE "FOREIGN ENEMY" IS JIMMY CARTER'S POSITION ON NUCLEAR ACCORD, WITH HUMAN RIGHTS AS SECONDARY IRRITANT. IT IS CURIOUS, OBSERVED O ESTADO, THAT WHILE GOVERNMENT CENSORS USED PRETEXT OF AVOIDING AN EMOTIONAL CLIMATE TO BAN ELECTRONIC MEDIA COMMENT ON THOSE ISSUES, GOVERNMENT SPOKESMEN LIKE SENATORS PORTELLA AND REZENDE, NOT TO MENTION BACKGROUNDING "OFFICIAL SOURCES," TOOK THE FIELD TO DENOUNCE THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION. U.S., MAINTAINED O ESTADO, SHOULD NOT BE MADE SCAPEGOAT FOR BRAZILIAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. HISTORY OF OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP PROVES BRAZILIAN ABILITY TO DISTINGUISH MEASURES PREJUDICIAL TO NATIONAL INTERESTS FROM THOSE CONTRIBUTING TO WIDER INTERESTS OF THE HEMISPHERE AND THE WEST. THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONARIES OF 1964 SAW THE U.S. TIE AS FUNDAMENTAL, DECLARED O ESTADO, BUT HAVE LATELY PASSED FROM THE SCENE TO BE REPLACED BY OTHERS INDIFFERENT TO THE LINK BETWEEN LIBERAL DEMOCRACY AND A WESTERN FOREIGN POLICY. GEISEL'S REMARKS HOPEFULLY WILL END THE NATIONALIST DELIRIUMS OF THOSE SEEKING TO INFLAME PUBLIC OPINION AGAINST U.S.

4. O GLOBO IN ITS APRIL 2 EDITORIAL WELCOMED FACT THAT GEISEL'S COMMENTS HAD PUT TIMELY END TO "WAVE OF ENTHUSIASM" GENERATED IN PART BY XENOPHOVES AND IN PART BY WELL-INTENTIONED SUPPORTERS OF GOVERNMENT. FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN NATIONS, DECLARED O GLOBO, DOES NOT EXCLUDE RIGHT OF EACH TO REJECT UNDUE INTERFERENCE; IN DOING SO, BRAZIL ACTED MATURELY, WITHOUT UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 BRASIL 02768 081156Z

SEEKING TO RADICALIZE THE SITUATION AND WITHOUT PREJUDICING THE DIALOGUE. THE POSITIVE BALANCE OF MULTIFACETED BILATERAL COOPERATION IMMENSELY EXCEEDS NEGATIVE INCIDENTS OF MISUNDERSTANDING; ABOVE THOSE PASSING EPISODES, CONCLUDED EDITORIAL, THERE EXISTS THE GEOPOLITICAL, IDEOLOGICAL, AND CULTURAL VOCATION TO PERMANENT U.S./BRAZIL UNDERSTANDING, DEMANDED BY CURRENT AND FUTURE WORLD CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. AT WELL-ATTENDED ITAMARATY CEREMONY APRIL 5 COMMEMORATING INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR ELIMINATION OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA OPENED BY AFFIRMING BRAZILIAN COMMITMENT TO RACIAL EQUALITY AND REPUDIATION OF "ONE OF THE MOST OFFENSIVE FORMS OF VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS--RACIAL SEGREGATION." PRINCIPAL ORATOR WAS SENATOR PETRONIO PORTELLA, WHO TOOK INDIRECT AIM AT U.S., RECALLING THAT BLACK-WHITE RELATIONS HAVE LONG CAUSED DIFFICULTIES, HAVING LEAD MANY TIMES TO DRAMATIC CONSEQUENCES, "PROJECTING THE IMAGE OF GREAT NATIONS TO THE EYES OF THE WORLD IN SUCH COLORS AND EXPRESSIVE DISTORTIONS THAT THEY FORMED OPINIONS OF

(THOSE NATIONS) WHICH DO NOT ELEVATE THEM
OR DISTINGUISH
THEM AMONG THE LEGITIMATE CHAMPIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS." ON
SEVERAL OCCASIONS, PORTELLA MADE MORE DIRECT REFERENCES TO
U.S. RACIAL SITUATION, AT ONE POINT CITING PHRASE BY 19TH
CENTURY BRAZILIAN ABOLITIONIST JOAQUIM NABUCO: "AS IF, FOR
EXAMPLE, IN THE UNITED STATES A LINE BETWEEN THE TWO RACES
HAD BEEN DRAWN WHICH NOTHING COULD CROSS." PORTELLA
CITED BRAZILIAN STRUGGLE AGAINST RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND
AFFIRMED THE FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, "THE
FIRST OF WHICH IS THE RIGHT TO A DIGNIFIED LIFE." (LATTER
HAS BECOME A CODE PHRASE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INTERPRETATION
OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH HOLDS THIRD WORLD TO BE VICTIM OF INJUST
INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER IMPOSED BY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.)
CRIMMINS

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, PRESIDENT, AMITY, SPEECHES, ANNIVERSARY MESSAGES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 07-Apr-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977BRASIL02768
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770124-0116
Format: TEL
From: BRASILIA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770479/aaaacqtj.tel
Line Count: 130
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: ddd0c9a8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 BRASILIA 2577
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 19-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2872288
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GEISEL'S POSITIVE REFERENCES TO U.S. DRAW FAVORABLE PRESS COMMENT
TAGS: PFOR, SOPN, US, BR, (GEISEL, ERNESTO)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/ddd0c9a8-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009